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Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the normative functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should be made distinct from its role as governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, and that, to that end, the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments, as follows:

(a) A normative segment, during which the Commission would discharge its treaty-based and normative functions, including mandates received from the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, and deal with emerging drug control issues;

(b) An operational segment, during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Programme.

The provisional agenda has been structured to comply with resolution 1999/30.

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

The provisional agenda (E/CN.7/2001/1/Rev.1) finalized at the inter-sessional meeting of the Commission held on 18 September 2000 was adopted by the Commission at the opening of its regular forty-fourth session, held from 20 to 29 March 2001. As indicated in the proposed organization of work of the Commission, the reconvened forty-fourth session was to consider items 4, entitled "Administrative and budgetary questions", 6, entitled "Adoption of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened forty-fourth session", and 7, entitled "Opening of the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (items 10, 14 and 15 of the agenda of the forty-fourth regular session).

The provisional agenda before the Commission at its reconvened forty-fourth session covers the agenda items indicated above and reflects the decisions taken by the Commission during the first part of its forty-fourth session, in March 2001.

Documentation

Provisional agenda, annotations and provisional timetable (see E/CN.7/2001/13)

A. Substantive items

Normative segment

Mandates received from the General Assembly

2. **Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the single biennial report of the Executive Director on the progress achieved by Governments in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session**

In paragraph 20 of the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (resolution S-20/2, annex), the Assembly requested all States to report biennially to the Commission on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 agreed to at its twentieth special session; and requested the Commission to analyse those reports in order to enhance the cooperative effort to combat the world drug problem.

At its reconvened forty-second session, the Commission adopted resolution 42/11, entitled "Guidelines for reporting on the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly", to which was annexed the questionnaire for reporting on the action plans and measures adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session. In its resolution 42/11, the Commission requested member States to transmit their replies to the questionnaire to the Executive Director by 30 June 2000. On the basis of those replies, the Executive Director would prepare, for submission to the Commission, a single biennial report for consideration at its forty-fourth session, in 2001. By 8 November 2000, 81 replies to the questionnaire had been received, on the basis of which the biennial report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly was prepared (E/CN.7/2001/2).

Pursuant to resolution 42/11, at its forty-fourth session, the Commission considered the follow-up to the special session and the report of the Executive Director under the agenda item entitled "Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly" and under other items related to the action plans and measures adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session.

At its forty-fourth session, in March 2001, the Commission adopted resolution 44/2, in which it requested the Executive Director to identify elements of the biennial questionnaire that might need adjustment, taking into account the difficulties encountered and deficiencies perceived in completing the first biennial questionnaire, and to submit proposals for amendments to the Commission for adoption at its reconvened forty-fourth session.

In resolution 44/2, the Commission also requested the Executive Director to prepare an addendum to the first biennial report, including replies to the biennial questionnaire submitted after 8 November 2000, for submission to the Commission at its reconvened forty-fourth session. In order to avoid having the assessment for the first reporting cycle split into two reports, with the initial report covering 81 replies to the questionnaire and an addendum covering 28 further replies, the Commission, at its inter-sessional meeting held on 18 June, requested the Executive Director to prepare a consolidated biennial report to include both the 81 replies to

the questionnaire received from Governments for the first reporting cycle, on the basis of which the initial report had been prepared, and the additional 28 replies received after 8 November 2000. The preparation of a consolidated report that includes all the replies received from Governments for the first reporting cycle will enhance the ability of the Commission to measure progress made between the reporting cycles on the basis of the biennial reports to be prepared in the years 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008.

Documentation

Consolidated first biennial report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to countering the world drug problem together (E/CN.7/2001/16)

Note by the Executive Director on proposals to amend the biennial questionnaire, including an approved layout and supporting notes for guidance (E/CN.7/2001/17)

Operational segment

3. Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control

In its resolution 44/16, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body", the Commission requested the Executive Director to present a preliminary report on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution to the Commission at its reconvened forty-fourth session and a final report at its forty-fifth session.

Documentation

Preliminary report of the Executive Director on the progress made in the implementation of resolution 44/16, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body" (E/CN.7/2001/15)

4. Administrative and budgetary questions

In its resolution 13 (XXXVI), the Commission established a budget cycle for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and a methodology that it would follow in its consideration of budgetary matters. That methodology was revised by the Commission in its resolutions 7 (XL) and 8 (XL), in which it adopted budget proposals in line with the harmonized budget model followed also by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. According to the budget cycle and revised methodology, the Commission approves the final support budget and endorses the programme budget for the current biennium and approves the initial support budget and endorses the programme budget for the next biennium for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme at its reconvened session, held in the December of odd-numbered years. At its session held in the first half of odd-numbered years, the Commission reviews and approves the revised support budget and endorses the revised programme budget for the current biennium. It also takes note of the outline of the budget for the Fund for the next biennium.

Accordingly, at its forty-fourth session, the Commission reviewed and approved the revised support budget and endorsed the revised programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, and took note of the outline of the budget for the Fund for the biennium 2002-2003.

At its reconvened forty-fourth session, in December 2001, the Commission is expected to review and approve the final support budget and endorse the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, and to approve the initial support budget and endorse the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the proposed final budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and the proposed initial budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (E/CN.7/2001/14 and Add.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed final support budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (E/CN.7/2001/18)

B. Organizational and other matters

5. Other business

No issues have been brought to the attention of the Secretariat for consideration under item 5 of the provisional agenda and no documentation on the item is expected.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened forty-fourth session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its reconvened forty-fourth session by the afternoon of the last day of the session.

7. Opening of the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

In accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, officers of the Commission shall hold office until their successors are elected and shall be eligible for re-election.

As regards the arrangements for the election of the bureau of the Commission, in section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission should, at the end of its session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparations of the regular as well as the informal inter-sessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the Programme.

The Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the Commission at its forty-fifth session will come from the following regional groups: Chairman—Group of Western European and Other States; first Vice-Chairman—Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; second Vice-Chairman—Group of African States; third Vice-Chairman—Group of Asian States; and Rapporteur—Group of Eastern European States.

A group composed of the five chairmen of the regional groups will be established to assist the Chairman in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, will constitute the extended bureau foreseen in Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the reconvened forty-fourth session, will hold the first meeting of its forty-fifth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the bureau.

Annex

Provisional timetable

The timetable shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As soon as discussion on an item has been finished, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Reconvened forty-fourth session, 12-14 December 2001

Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Title or description*
Wednesday, 12 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Opening of the reconvened forty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
		1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		2	Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the biennial report of the Executive Director
	3-6 p.m.	2	Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the biennial report of the Executive Director (continued)
		3	Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control
Thursday, 13 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Administrative and budgetary questions
	3-6 p.m.	4	Administrative and budgetary questions (continued)
Friday, 14 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Administrative and budgetary questions (concluded)
		5	Other business
	3-6 p.m.	6	Adoption of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened forty-fourth session
		7	Opening of the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
		7	Election of officers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-fifth session